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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE FURNISHED TO
MEDIA BY MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY EVENING OF JANUARY 2:

2. QUOTE IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE CUBAN LIBERATION
FRONT ORGANISATION IN MIAMI, FLORIDA HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE BOMB EXPLOSION WHICH DAMAGED THE M/V MEREGHAN
II IN MIAMI ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 ABOUT
10:30 PM AND CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS AN ACT OF RETALIATION
BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF A FLORIDA BASED CUBAN FISHERMAN
IN AN INCIDENT NEAR THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS ON
DECEMBER 23 WHEN IT WAS ALLEGED THAT THE FISHERMAN WAS
SHOT BY A TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS PATROL BOAT.

3. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE BAHAMAS DENIES THAT THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT NOR
THE MARINE DIVISION OF THE BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE OR ANY
AGENCY OF THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT WAS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED
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IN THE ALLEGED INCIDENT IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.

4. THE MINISTRY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS ARE NOT A PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, BUT ARE STILL A DEPENDENCY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OVER WHICH THE BAHAMAS HAVE NO JURISDICTION.

5. THE INCIDENT IN MIAMI IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. TODAY THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE BAHAMAS DISCUSSED THIS INCIDENT AND AS A RESULT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS BEING REQUESTED TO MAKE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF BAHAMIAN OWNED COMMERCIAL VESSELS WHICH TRAVEL TO FLORIDA PORTS. UNQUOTE..SPIERS

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